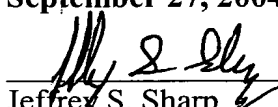




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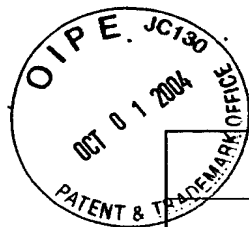
**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2004 in the above-identified application in which the Examiner requested election of a species within the invention. Specifically, the Examiner restricted the claims to three groups: Group I comprising claims 1-12 drawn to a method of folding a peptide; and Group II comprising claims 13-27 drawn to a method for preparing proteins. This response is timely filed as a petition for a three-month extension of time to October 18, 2004 is submitted herewith.

In response to the request, Applicants elect Group I with traverse subject to Applicants' right to refile the non-elected subject matter in a divisional application.

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**Docket No.  
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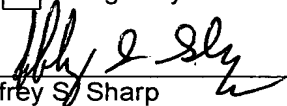
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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